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Making Violence Sexy? Pornography, Young People and Sexual Abuse Prevention

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Reality & Risk: Pornography, Young People and Sexuality

Readily available and aggressively marketed online, pornography has become a default sex educator for many young people. Its influence is shaping sexual expectations and norms, with serious implications for young people's capacity to understand and negotiate free and full consent, for mutual respect, and for gender equality. There is growing concern internationally that porn's influence is contributing to cultural conditions that cultivate sexual assault.

Through research presentations, video excerpts from interviews with young people and pornography industry participants, discussion, and engagement in practical activities, this seminar will analyze pornography's influence and explore how it may be addressed in the prevention and treatment of sexually abusive behavior.

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand pornography's prevalence and rates of exposure amongst young people.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the nature of contemporary pornography, particularly its high levels of gendered aggression and unrealistic representations of sexuality.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand pornography's influence on young people's sexual expectations and experiences.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand how pornography's influence can impact on sexually abusive behaviour.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand pornography's relationship to the prevention, risk assessment and treatment of sexually abusive behaviour.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to use practical resources addressing pornography's influence in prevention and treatment contexts.

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Financial Interest Disclosure:

The presenter has produced an education resource and two documentary films with prevention and treatment relevance.